

by competent attorneys, that was asking for a conclusion from the witness and that shouldn't have been allowed. Senator Simon, I would like to have you, since you have been a member of the most honorable ad hoc committee, the first ad hoc, there is now a second ad hoc group, and it pleases me to no extent, your penalty in starting in 12 and through 19, that penalty will not coincide, if you want to go along with the fine, \$500, it does not coincide with any penalty section of the penal code that we structured. Whether you want to or not, do you want to coincide, do you want to try to bring that into compliance with anything in classification of penalties or do you want to leave it like you have got it. I just bring this to your attention and I think the bottom one will probably be all right, on misdemeanor but I think felony will be wrong, if you leave it in that category. I know what Senator Chambers has in mind but I am still saying that if you want to try to make it correct, and I am assuming that the code is going to pass, is what I am getting at, but if you want to do that, you have been in on those meetings.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There are no other lights on. Senator Simon, do you wish to close.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have asked him a question first, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I didn't understand that. Do you wish to respond, Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: If my mike is on, sure, I will. That is fine, Senator Barnett. As I mentioned, this bill actually does very little in terms of changing the current law and so the current law is \$500. If we change that, then the figure to keep it in compliance with the code would be, what is the amount, Wally, Class IV felony....

SENATOR SAVAGE: Do you have any further questions, Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: Please give him a little time to answer the question. He is not quite through with it.

SENATOR SIMON: It doesn't fit in. No, it doesn't fit in. There is no fine on the felonies that would coincide with the \$500 amount. I would just leave it alone.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Do you have any further closing?

SENATOR SIMON: I would just close. Senator Chambers is trying to bring up some points. One of his pet concerns is the police department in the City of Omaha. He is entitled to his opinions and he can present them on the floor of the Legislature, but again, I just point out to this body that all this bill is doing, even though Senator Chambers may think that I am being duped by the City of Omaha, and he is entitled to his opinion, this is merely a clarification of the law. It is merely taking care of the provision where people who have had misdemeanors have not gone to trial because they were too backed up on the docket in district court. That is all this bill does. It is a very simple bill and I think that the amendment should be adopted. It does take care of a problem that Senator